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Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for converting a document from a first format to a second format, the method comprising:
- 5 dividing a document having a first structure into blocks;

creating a list having entries, individual entries of the list containing content of associated ones of the blocks;

providing a database including a data structure associated with the document, the data structure specifying a manner of displaying at least one of the entries;

- inscrting entries of the list into the data structure to form an output file.
 - 2. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting at least a portion of the output file over a network to a client device.

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- 3. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 1 wherein the creating a list further comprises assigning a classification to individual list entries.
- 20 4. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 3, further comprising merging list entries having the same classification.

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- 5. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 1 wherein the creating a list further comprises re-ordering the list according to the content of individual list entries.
- 5 6. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 1 wherein the output file contains sub-documents and a table of contents page listing the labels, wherein individual sub-documents are associated with individual labels.
- The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 1, further comprising:

extracting a structure of the document to form an extracted data structure associated with the document;

modifying the extracted data structure;

- storing the modified extracted data structure as the data structure.
 - 8. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 7, wherein the modifying the extracted data structure further comprises adding labels to the extracted data structure.

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9. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 8, wherein the modifying the extracted data structure further comprises removing a portion of the extracted data structure.

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- 10. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 8, wherein the modifying the extracted data structure further comprises removing a portion of the extracted data structure from a first location within the extracted data structure and adding the portion of the extracted data structure at a second location within the extracted data structure.
- 11. The method of converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 7, wherein the document comprises an HTML document, an XML document, or a PDF document.

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12. A method for converting a document from a first format to a second format, the method comprising:

extracting a structure of a first document to form a first data structure; modifying the first data structure to form a second data structure;

15 extracting content of a second document;

inserting the content of the second document into the second data structure, the content of the second document being different from content of the first document.

The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format
 according to claim 12, wherein the modifying the first data structure further comprises
 deleting a portion of the first data structure.

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- 14. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 12, wherein the modifying the first data structure further comprises adding a label to a portion of the first data structure.
- 5 15. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 12, wherein the first and second documents are web pages.
 - 16. A method for converting a document from a first format to a second format, the method comprising:
- 10 extracting a first data structure from a first document, content of the first document being stored in nodes of the data structure;

assigning a label to the nodes of the first data structure that store the content of the document based on the content stored in the nodes;

generating a one-dimensional list of the nodes that include the content of the document.

17. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 16,

providing a database including a second data structure associated with the first

document, the second data structure specifying a manner of displaying at least one of the
entries;

inserting entries of the list into the data structure to form an output file.

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18. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 17, wherein the providing a database further comprises:

extracting a structure of a second document to form a second data structure, the second document having a same structure as the first document;

- 5 modifying the second data structure to form a third data structure; storing the third data structure in a database.
- 19. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 18, wherein the modifying further comprises removing at least one
 10 portion of the second data structure.
- 20. The method for converting a document from a first format to a second format according to claim 18, wherein the modifying further comprises moving at least one portion of the second data structure from a first location within the second data structure to a second location within the data structure.
 - 21. A computer readable medium comprising program instructions for: dividing a document having a first structure into blocks; creating a list having entries, individual entries of the list containing content of associated ones of the blocks;
 - providing a database including a data structure associated with the document, the data structure specifying a manner of displaying at least one of the entries;

inserting entries of the list into the data structure to form an output file.

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- 22. A computer readable medium comprising program instructions for: extracting a structure of a first document to form a first data structure; modifying the first data structure to form a second data structure; extracting content of a second document;
- 5 inserting the content of the second document into the second data structure, the content of the second document being different from content of the first document.
- A computer readable medium comprising program instructions for:
 extracting a first data structure from a first document, content of the first
 document being stored in nodes of the data structure;

assigning a label to the nodes of the first data structure that store the content of the document based on the content stored in the nodes;

generating a one-dimensional list of the nodes that include the content of the document.